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Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313

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Sir:

Please amend the newly submitted application described above as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown in the section entitled Specification Amendments.